

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) An improved A-V dialysis graft construction that includes an elongated length of polymer tubing having an inlet end, an outlet end, and a generally uniform inside diameter over a substantial portion of the length of polymer tubing wherein, the improvement comprises:

a reduced diameter intermediate portion formed between said inlet end and said outlet end; wherein, the reduced diameter intermediate portion comprises an abrupt crimped segment.

Claims 2-4 (Cancelled)

5. (Previously presented) The improvement as in claim 1; wherein, the reduced diameter intermediate portion further comprises a gradually expanding segment.

6. (Cancelled)